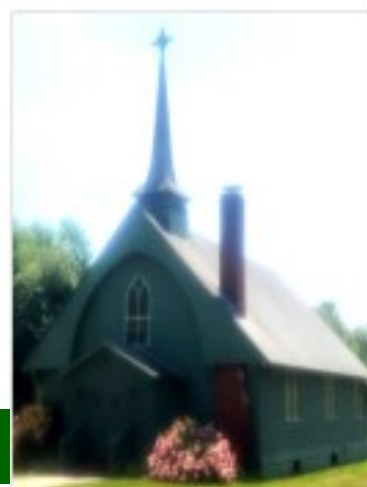




Welcome to our Parish!

Sept. 27 & 28, 2025



St. Aloysius Church
64 Church St. P.O. Box 542
Gilbertville, MA 01031

St. Augustine Mission
98 Church Lane
Wheelwright, MA 01094

Mass Schedule and Reconciliation

St. Aloysius Church: Saturday 4:00 P. M. and Sunday 7:30 A.M.

St. Augustine Mission: Sunday 9:00 A.M.

Weekday Mass times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 A.M.
at St. Aloysius Church

Reconciliation— Saturday 3:00 P.M. at St. Aloysius Church or by appointment.

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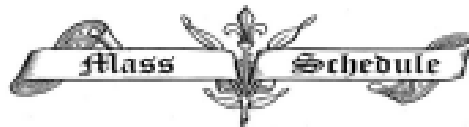
St. Aloysius Catholic School

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday - September 27

4:00pm - **Paul Gunther** by Richard St. George

Sunday - September 28

7:30am - for the parishioners

at St. Augustine

9:00am - **Barry Brewer** - by Family

Monday - September 29

8:00am - St. Aloysius Parish Community

Tuesday - September 30

8:00am - **Wesley Laford** by the Family

Wednesday - October 01

8:00am - St. Augustin

Thursday - Oct. 2 and Friday—October 3

8:00am - No Communion Services

Saturday - October 04

4:00am - for the parishioners

Sunday - October 05

7:30am - **Souls of Purgatory**

at St. Augustine

9:00am - **Mary and Fran Comeau** by Family
57 yr Anniversary

/Eucharistic Ministry

There is a sign up sheet for volunteers for Eucharistic Ministry at St. Augustine. Please consider volunteering for this ministry

Catholic School Collection

Please know that your support for the Catholic School will go directly to St. Aloysius School not the Diocese.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7)

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

Offertory Collection*

September 20 & 21, 2025

St. Aloysius - \$1,828 .00

St. Augustine - \$ 912.00

*This includes all envelopes given in the collection.

Greetings!

The following 5 \$20.00 winners were drawn Sunday, September 28th.

#72 Fr. Lembo

#232 Marianne Letourneau

#45 Anna Robinson

#134 Betty Kay Sullivan

#10 Nora Carnazza

Scott Hahn Reflects on the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Great Chasm

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy—not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door.

The complacent leaders in today's First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, reveling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel (see Amos 5:6), collapses around them.

The rich man in today's Gospel also lives like a king—dressed in royal purple and fine linen (see 1 Maccabees 8:14).

The rich man symbolizes Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in today's First Reading. Born to the nation God favored first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give—their inheritance is taken away.

The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater—eternity with a "great chasm" fixed between himself and God.

In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves (see Genesis 11:4) and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts.

But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings—while the leaders and the rich man have no name.

Today's Liturgy is a call to repentance—to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle.

"The Lord loves the just," we sing in today's Psalm.

And in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life—when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets (see Luke 13:28), where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord (see John 13:23).



Safe Environment

As a reminder, our parish follows the guidelines of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and the policies of the Diocese of Worcester. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a Church employee or volunteer in the past, please contact our diocesan office of Healing & Prevention at 508-929-4363 (direct line and confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

www.worcesterdiocese.org

Judith Audette 508-726-2880

September 27 & October 5, 2025

Catholic School Education

Our children deserve both academic excellence and personal development. A catholic education's strong academics and emphasis on faith, community and service has children a sense of purpose and belonging. Your generosity preserves Catholic education.

Please support the Diocesan Catholic School Appeal. Brochures can be found in the bulletin or in the church lobby.

Dismas House

We're off to a good start. Several people came forward to help provide a cooked meal for the Dismas Family Farm in Oakham. This is a working farm, where addicts, homeless, and recently released incarcerated may have a place to learn new skills and prepare to enter society. Please consider helping.

Dinner is the 3rd Friday of the month. If interested speak with Carol Zins or call **413-277-6079**.

Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be having its annual Tootsie Roll Drive next weekend, Oct. 11th and 12th. Your donations will be used for the K or C charitable causes.

Why Won't God Heal Me? by Msgr. Stephen J. Rossetti

Working within the healing ministry, I often hear people's frustration that God seemingly does not hear their prayers and heal them, especially their physical maladies. Some have spent decades praying for help and now say they are "desperate." I don't claim to have any special insights into God's plan, but after years in this ministry, I can offer four points that might be helpful. **First**, God is generous and gives people the graces they need and not always what they want. **Second**, physical healings do happen, but they are signs of a deeper spiritual healing. **Third**, the most important healings are spiritual. Focus on these. **Fourth**, ultimately, what is most important is to trust in God, whatever comes.

Father, I know you hear my prayer. May I receive in gratitude the graces you have for me and trust that you Spirit is guiding and protecting me always.

Mission Statement

"We, the faith community of the St. Aloysius Church and St. Augustine Mission, as part of cluster 36 and the Worcester Diocese, who in union with the Catholic Church throughout the world, proclaim our belief in the message and mission of Jesus Christ, as we strive to fulfill our Baptismal covenant, by nurturing our individual and spiritual growth in our care for one another."